Patient Safety Harm Scale

Death:

Dead at the time of the assessment

Severe Permanent Harm:

Severe lifelong bodily or psychological injury or disfigurement that interferes significantly with the functional ability or quality of life.

Permanent Harm:

Lifelong bodily or psychological injury or increased susceptibility to disease.

Temporary Harm:

Bodily or psychological injury, but likely not permanent.

Additional Treatment:

Injury limited to additional intervention during admission or encounter and/or increased length of stay, but no other injury. Treatment since discovery, and/or expected treatment in future as a direct result of event

Emotional Distress or Inconvenience:

Mild and transient anxiety or pain or physical discomfort, but without the need for additional treatment other than monitoring.

Distress/inconvenience since discovery, and/or expected in the future as a direct result of event.

No Harm:

Event reached patient, but no harm was evident

Near Miss:

Event occurred but did not reach patient

Unsafe Condition - Potential event:

Any circumstance that increases the probability of a patient safety event.